In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 39-43 and amend claim 55 as follows:

1-38. (Previously canceled).

39-43. (Presently canceled).

44. (Presently amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising:

(a) ~~a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide shown in Figure 98 (SEQ ID NO:263)~~;

~~(b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide shown in Figure 98 (SEQ ID NO:263), lacking its associated signal peptide~~;

~~(c) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 98 (SEQ ID NO:263)~~;

~~(d)~~ the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence shown in Figure 97 (SEQ ID NO:262); or

~~(e)~~(b) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209481.

45-47. (Presently canceled).

48. (Previously canceled).

49. (Previously added) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 44 comprising the nucleic acid sequence shown in Figure 97 (SEQ ID NO:262).

50. (Previously added) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 44 comprising the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence shown in Figure 97 (SEQ ID NO: 262).

51. (Previously added) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 44 comprising the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209481.

52. (Previously amended) An isolated nucleic acid that hybridizes under stringent conditions to:

(a) ~~a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide shown in Figure 98 (SEQ ID NO:263);~~

~~(b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide shown in Figure 98 (SEQ ID NO:263), lacking its associated signal peptide;~~

~~(c) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 98 (SEQ ID NO:263);~~

~~(d)~~ the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence shown in Figure 97 (SEQ ID NO:262); or

~~(e)~~(b) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209481;

wherein said stringent conditions employ hybridization using 50% formamide, 5X SSC, 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 6.8), 0.1% sodium pyrophosphate, 5X Denhardt's solution, sonicated salmon sperm DNA (50 μg/ml), 0.1% SDS, and 10% dextran sulfate at 42°C, and washes at 42°C in 0.2X SSC, at 55°C in 50% formamide followed by a high-stringency wash at 55°C in 0.1X SSC, EDTA.

53. (Previously canceled).

54. (Previously added) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 52 which is at least 10 nucleotides in length.

55. (Presently amended) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of Claim ~~39~~ 44.

56. (Previously added) The vector of Claim 55, wherein said nucleic acid is operably linked to control sequences recognized by a host cell transformed with the vector.

57. (Previously added) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 55.

58. (Previously added) The host cell of Claim 57, wherein said cell is a CHO cell, an *E. coli* or a yeast cell.